

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1250

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 1800 of the Financial Code, relating to financial institutions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1250, as introduced, Calderon. Transmission of money abroad.

Existing law requires any person engaging in the business of receiving money for the purpose of transmitting it to foreign countries to obtain a license from the Commissioner of Financial Institutions.

This bill would make a technical correction in these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1800 of the Financial Code is amended
2 to read:
3 1800. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this
4 chapter to protect the people of this state from being victimized
5 by unscrupulous practices by persons receiving money for
6 transmission to foreign countries and to establish a minimum
7 level of fiscal responsibility and corporate integrity for all entities
8 engaging in the business of receiving money for transmission to
9 foreign countries without regard to the method of transmission.
10 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that California has a
11 large and diverse population many of whom are concerned with
12 the financial plight of people remaining in the countries which

1 they left. Many of these people are not ~~familiar~~ *familiar* with the
2 varied and intricate financial systems of this state and due to
3 language barriers and other obstacles do not have access to
4 entities offering legitimate money transmission services. In an
5 effort to transmit money to their friends and relatives, these
6 persons give their money to persons under the precept that the
7 money or its equivalent will be immediately transmitted to the
8 designated foreign country. The money is frequently
9 misappropriated or never transmitted. The victims of these
10 practices are generally not aware of the law enforcement services
11 available to help them, thus this unlawful conduct goes
12 unreported.